

**In the Claims**

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1-37 (Cancelled)

38. (New) A synthetic antimicrobial peptide comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:46.

39. (New) The synthetic antimicrobial peptide of claim 38, wherein the amino acid sequence is Lys Trp Lys Leu Phe Lys Lys Ile Gly Ile Gly Arg Leu Leu Lys Arg Gly Leu Arg Lys Leu Leu Lys.

40. (New) The synthetic antimicrobial peptide of claim 39, wherein the Lysine at position 1 is covalently bound to the Lysine at position 23 to form a cyclization derivative.

41. (New) The synthetic antimicrobial peptide of claim 38, wherein the amino acid sequence is Lys Trp Lys Leu Phe Lys Lys Ile Gly Ile Gly Arg Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu Leu Arg.

42. (New) A method for producing a synthetic antimicrobial peptide, comprising:  
performing solid-phase chemical synthesis to produce the peptide of claim 38.

43. (New) A method for treating a subject having an infectious disease induced by bacteria, fungi and/or viruses, comprising:

administering to the subject the synthetic antimicrobial peptide of claim 38 in an amount effective for treating the infectious disease.